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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office action dated July 10, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring October 10, 2006. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extension of time by one month, setting a new time for response of November 10, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed with this response. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.